

# Hispanics and the Civil War: From Battlefield to Homefront

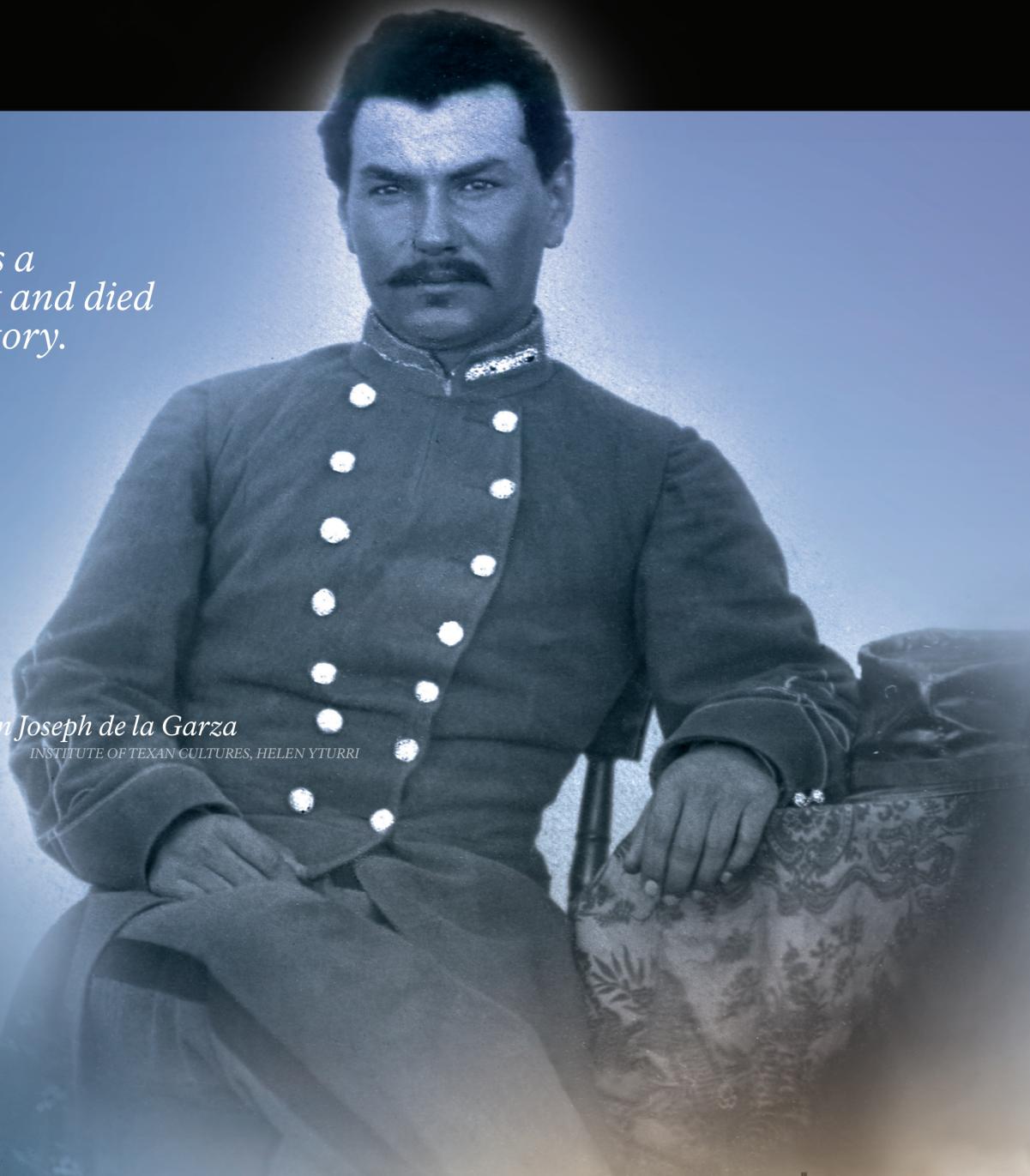
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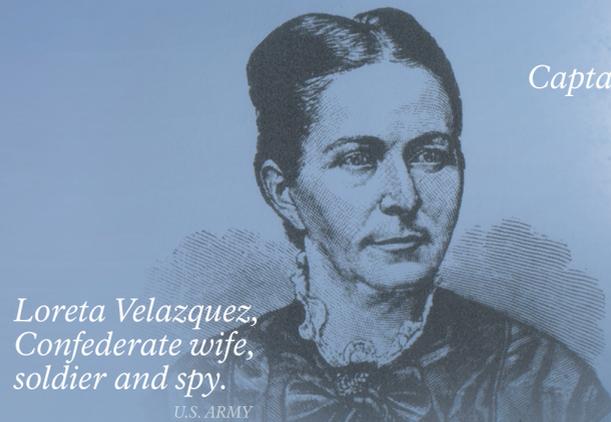
*The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War is a time to commemorate those who fought and died during this pivotal era in American history.*

*At the same time, it is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the ongoing march for freedom and equality for all people.*

Secretary of the Interior  
Ken Salazar



*Captain Joseph de la Garza*  
INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES, HELEN YTURRI



*Loretta Velazquez,  
Confederate wife,  
soldier and spy.*  
U.S. ARMY



*A mother and her  
children on the homefront.*  
PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS



*The 3rd New Mexico Volunteer  
Infantry Living History Unit*  
NPS/FORT UNION

*More than 20,000 Hispanics fought in the Civil War:  
some for the Union and some for the Confederacy.  
Thousands of Hispanic civilians experienced the war from the homefront.*



*Fort Union  
National Monument*  
NPS/FORT UNION



*Antietam National Battlefield*  
NPS/ANTIETAM